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OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PRIMERS FOR EFFICIENT MULTIPLEX DETECTION OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) AND HUMAN

IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND METHOS OF USE THEREOF

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents **Box RCE** Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified patent application upon which prosecution is closed.

1. The issue fee in this application has not been paid.

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2. This request is accompanied by the following submissions:

2a. [X] A check in the amount of \$740.00, in payment of the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d) and § 1.17(e);

- 2b. [X] Consider the Response to Office Action and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 19, 2002; and
- 2c. [X] A Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this Request (accompanied by the appropriate Extension Fee), requesting that the time period for submitting a Brief on Appeal be extended for a period of three months, from APRIL 19, 2002 up to and including JULY 19, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 1, 2002

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